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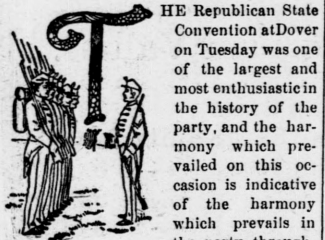
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MARVEL AND WILLIS

SUSSEX AND KENT NAME THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND CONGRESS.

A HARMONIOUS CONVENTION

New Castle County Still has the Chairman and Secretary of the State Central Committee—Sketch of the Candidates—A Tribute to Senator Higgins—The Platform.



HE Republican State Convention at Dover on Tuesday was one of the largest and most enthusiastic in the history of the party, and the harmony which prevailed on this occasion is indicative of the harmony which prevails in the party throughout the state. A majority of the leaders of the party were present, and the convention was in every respect a thoroughly representative Republican assemblage.

The convention was called to order by General Wilson, chairman of the State committee. E. G. Bradford, of Wilmington, was chosen temporary chairman, and Hugh C. Browne, secretary.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials, William S. Hills made the report of the committee on platform, which was received with applause by the convention, and at once adopted.

MARVEL FOR GOVERNOR.
Dr. Caleb R. Layton nominated Joshua H. Marvel of Sussex county for governor of the State of Delaware. He made a speech, and Kent and New Castle counties were called, but no names were presented.

Robert J. Harty moved that the nomination be made by acclamation. It was so made.

WILLIS FOR CONGRESS.
William T. Smith, of Dover, presented the name of Joshua S. Willis for Congress which was seconded by John J. Rosa. He said that he had been converted to Republicanism, and he felt it was a good thing. The man whose name has been presented is the friend of the farmer, he is the friend of the colored man, he is the friend of the men who fought for the Union.

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Let the several counties make as wise a choice of the chairman and secretaries of the county committees, and the Republican party will carry the State for good government, honestly, wisely and conscientiously administered. Let every man do his best, and imbued with a righteous cause, lead by wise and sagacious leaders the victory is ours.

Besides the delegates from West Sussex, who were Hugh C. Browne, Thos. Clayton and E. B. Rice, there were many other prominent Republicans from this county present at the convention, among whom were G. D. Kelley, G. W. W. Naudain, M. B. Burris, D. W. Corbit, M. N. Willis, J. C. Jolly, from Wilmington, Mayor Shortridge, Sheriff Gould, Col. MacAllister, J. E. Adkins, H. G. Knowles, Col. DuPont, Washington Hastings, Samuel Bernard, and in fact all the leading men of the State.

CHURCH NOTES.
The twilight service at the M. E. Church will begin at 6 o'clock hereafter. The meetings are largely attended and much appreciated.

Rev. Thomas L. Haynes, of Smyrna occupied the pulpit of Clayton M. E. church last Sunday morning. In the evening the Epworth League had charge. Rev. W. K. Harris will preach next Sunday both morning and evening.

Rev. Eugene Griggs of Laurel will again officiate at St. Anne's P. E. church tomorrow at both morning and evening services. All are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Griggs officiated last Sunday at St. Anne's, and his excellent sermons were very favorably received.

Work has been commenced on the new Episcopal church at Andora, four miles north of Elkton. The edifice is of stone and will be known as St. Andrew's Church in memory of Rev. Robert Lloyd Guld, a former rector of Trinity Church, Elkton. The building will cost \$2,000.

Rev. N. M. Brown's sermon on Sunday on the unending life of the soul, was a very clear and logical expression of the teachings of the Methodist church on the subject of immortality. He was listened to very intently by a large congregation, among whom were a number from the Presbyterian church, who expressed much pleasure in hearing the subject so ably and lucidly discussed.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Miss Ada Ford is visiting Middletown friends.

—Miss Edith Wilson is visiting friends in Clayton.

—Mr. Irvin Deakney, of Wilmington is a guest at Wm. Taylor's.

—Mrs. George Pinder is finishing the summer at Ocean Grove.

—Mr. George Rothwell of Camden N. J. was in town on Monday.

—Master Elwood Reed is visiting relatives in Chesapeake City, Md.

—Miss Evelyn Littleton, of Dover, is visiting Miss Blanche Armstrong.

—Mrs. Wilhelmina Mackay spent this week with Mrs. Mary E. Jump.

—Mrs. W. P. Milfin was entertained by Mrs. C. S. Constable last week.

—Miss Grace Davis has returned from a ten days visit to friends in Sussex.

—Miss Mary Barnum of Wilmington visited relatives in town this week.

—Miss Mary Bankert of Philadelphia is visiting her cousin Mrs. Clara Jones.

—Miss Ida Morris of Phoenixville Pa., is a guest of Mrs. Earnest, on Lake Street.

—Miss Minnie Elliott, of Bridgeville is expected at Mr. William Taylor's to-day.

—Miss Sadie Herbert, of Philadelphia is being entertained at her sister's Mrs. E. S. Jones.

—Mrs. J. C. Staats of Fairlee spent this week with friends in Middletown and Sussex.

—Miss Bertie Abill and brother of Philadelphia, are guests of their aunt Mrs. William King.

—Mrs. Julius Cleaver and Miss Nora Cleaver were guests of friends in Clayton on Sunday.

—Mrs. Peewy who returned home from the Delaware Water Gap last week, is now at Ocean Grove.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. Warren Wilson, of Philadelphia, spent Thursday and Friday with his parents in town.

—Miss Emma Choate of Newark, who was a guest of Mrs. Samuel Brockson returned home on Wednesday.

—W. J. H. Lingo, of Wilmington, spent a few days with his wife and children at Mrs. Catharine Merritt's this week.

—J. Miller Thomas of the Peninsula Methodist, Wilmington, was a guest at the M. E. Church Wednesday night.

—J. M. Arthur of Kenton, dealer in the Peruvian pianos, has been making Middletown his headquarters this week.

—Mrs. Annie Stillman and Miss Noosh Collins, of Wilmington are guests of their brother James Collins at "Sunny Lawn."

—W. H. Houston and S. S. Holten returned home from Baltimore on Thursday after a week's visit to the Monumental City.

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VEIWS OF A DEMOCRAT.

How His Eyes are Being Opened to Democratic Dishonesty.

FOUR CORNERS, AUGUST 22, 1894.

EDITOR OF THE TRANSCRIPT:—In the glorious Democratic times one feels inclined to inspire it with, to note what is going on in the various phases of life and business as well as our little affairs at the corners. Like all good Democrats, I feel considerably disappointed in the actions of our Representatives in Congress. It appears to me that they have made grave mistakes, as they passed a Tariff Bill that is not satisfactory to any one nor themselves either. I was in hopes they would depart from their ancient custom and really do something towards benefiting the poor farmer and workman, but they have failed to do it. To be sure we could not expect to see their grand and glorious plan of Tariff Reform worked out in a day and feel its beneficent effects at once, but it seems to me that the nearer we come to the perfection of the plan, the lower the prices go down for the produce of the farmer and the workman's chances grow less for a job. Our esteemed friend, Senator Gray surely must have known what he was talking about when he said to us openly and above-board, "I am not going to go to \$1.25 a bushel and there will be two (some say he said four) jobs for every workman," and yet the sad fact lies out in the face that wheat has gone down to as low as 45 cents a bushel and starvation is staring the workman in the face, and there are higher four men to a job than otherwise. Fellow Democrats, we have been deceived. Fellow Republicans who voted the glorious old Democratic Ticket of our fathers, this is not what you bargained for. Oh, we have been sadly deceived! It appears to me that our pride and boast in Jeffersonian and Jacksonian principles have been in vain. I have always felt proud to be a grand Republican, and I have been the most liberal of all Nations, and my heart has gone out to those "Boys in Blue" who fought that we might enjoy the blessings of liberty and I cannot help but feel, as I have noted the changes that have taken place, that the Democratic party is no more, that we have been betrayed by that old South, and that now by the passage of a Tariff Bill, that is neither one thing or the other, they have won by the ballot what they could not do by the bullet, they have put the workmen of the North on a par with the negro of the South, and under the guise of assisting the farmer of the North and West, they have killed the source of revenue, and have demonstrated by the aid of a corrupt Sugar Trust, that "Cotton is King." Fellow Democrats, this is plain truth, we who love our country and who are ready to defend it, did not vote to have such a result. We were deceived, betrayed by those who we looked up to as leaders in the past, but who have signally failed when the test came. We must not, cannot allow this state of affairs to continue; we must look up a new Moses to lead us to the Promised Land, and then may we indeed under a wise and impartial Legislation realize that there is room for all and that the policy that will treat all classes with equal justice and the prosperity of one will be the prosperity of all. This is possible, but until we enforce upon our Legislators that there is such a thing as Patriotism and unswerving integrity, we will still wander far from the true principles of a Democratic government.

Sincerely Yours,
A SORROWING DEMOCRAT.

ISAAC EMPSON.

Another Old Landmark Gone.

Isaac Empson the oldest colored man of this community died on Tuesday at the residence of his son Thomas on the Alston farm near town, where he had made his home for years. He was 87 years old; for several months he had been unable to get up, but during his long sickness his children and friends ministered to his needs with the most devoted care. He was well known throughout this county, and in his day was a great power on the farm, and as a leader in the harvest field or on the threshing yard he had few equals. He was famous as a cradler, and only a year ago he was able to use the scythe in mowing lawns, which work he took a delight in doing. In the days of slavery he was owned by Outten Davis, who bought him with his two brothers from the Zillarto estate. He was manumitted when he was thirty years old, and always lived in this neighborhood. He and his good wife Elsie, who died about eight years ago are among the wisest and most respected of the colored community, and many incidents in the history of some of the old families of the neighborhood we have learned from their lips. Isaac was noted for his industry and his loyalty to those for whom he worked in early and middle life. He had the distinction of being the only colored Democrat of this community and at election time he was in demand by the leading Democrats of the district.

His funeral was largely attended. Service at Dale's church were conducted by his pastor Rev. Mr. Holly assisted by several other ministers.

Johnathan Hazard another old colored man died at his home in Hamtown on Thursday, aged 82. He had been ill for a long time and death to him was a great relief. His funeral will take place to-day.

MISS JOLLS ENTERTAINS.

A Party on Railroad Avenue With a Dance at the Gymnasium.

Miss Sallie Jolls entertained about 40 of her young friends on Wednesday evening at her home in Middletown. The pleasures were enjoyed during the evening. At 9:30 the company repaired to the Gymnasium Hall near by where music and dancing were the attractions.

After several hours spent in the merry whirl, refreshments of ice, cream, melons and cake were served to the guests who were thoroughly enjoyed.

Among the guests were: Misses Mabel Taylor, Lucie Cochran, Mary Dunning, Adda Ford, Evelyn Littleton, Ada Milfin, Miss Cheairs, Mary Maxwell, Ethel Pitt, Blanche Armstrong, Nellie Ernest, Bernice Metten, Daisy Naudain and Annie Adams. Messrs. Frank Pool, Greg Taylor, Will Collins, Edgar Clark, Ed. Collins, Gilpin Massey, Harry Johnson, Fred Crouch, Edgar Johnson, Rob. Johnson, Norman Crouch, Allen McDowell, Louis Naudain, Ed. Massey, Charles Jolls, John Jolls, Irvin Deakney, Phil. Burnett, Howard Barnes and others.

Sales to Take Place.

On Friday, September 7th, at 2 p. m., Administrator's sale of the real estate of James M. Cox, deceased, consisting of three dwellings on East Main street.

On Saturday, September 1st, at 9:30 a. m., in Middletown, Sheriff's sale of real estate of John Appleton, deceased.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—Miss Bessie Reynolds entertained a few friends in an impromptu dance at her home on Wednesday evening.

—The shirt factory began operation on Wednesday, after a two days vacation, for clearing out the winter stock and getting ready for work on summer goods.

—The tomato canner has begun operation with fifty hands, mostly Bohemians. The tomatoes are not ripening fast enough to keep the plant operation more than half a day at a time, but next week we hope there will be fruit enough to keep the full force at work all the time.

—The sale of household furniture as advertised on the fourth page, offers opportunities for bargains. Persons desiring to see the goods can do so by applying to George W. Ingram. The furniture is all first class, the sale at the house formerly occupied by Mr. Floyd Canney, on Cass street will be next Saturday.

—G. F. Hopkins' had the misfortune to lose his money bag, containing about ten dollars on Thursday. He is sure it was stolen from the money drawer in the bakery store, but he has no evidence against the culprit who ever he may be. Ten dollars is a big sum of money in these days, and we sympathize with Mr. Hopkins in his loss.

—George Goldsborough a young colored boy about 13 years old, recently in the employ of Benjamin Armstrong at the brickyard, was arrested Thursday evening and placed in the lockup. He was given a hearing before the judge and taken to New Castle jail yesterday, charged with threats against the life and property of Mr. Armstrong, and being a wicked, vicious sort of a boy there is no knowing what devilry he might do. The work house is the only place for such, as he is said to be a terror when things don't go to suit him.

BASE BALL.

Smyrna beat Dover at Dover, Thursday, by a score of 10 to 4.

The Townsend Club met its Waterloo at the hands of Manager Griffin's Port Penn team Tuesday, in the worst exhibition of bad playing ever seen in the history of the score being 20 to 22. McGonigle of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. was in the box for Port Penn and was batted hard, but Townsend lost the game through Stradley's wildness and costly errors. But five of the visitors were from Port Penn.

Dover defeated Clayton, at Clayton Wednesday by a score of 11 to 1.

The Rockfords were defeated at Dover, Tuesday by a score of 11 to 4.

The Odessa Base Ball Club strengthened by Osborne of Aberdeen and Holten of Middletown, at the battery, met defeat at the hands of the Townsend Club, Monday, by a score of 18 to 9.

"LAMBS" vs. "INNOCENTS."

Middletown Loses in the "Swell" Game of Saturday.

The "Brook" team of a very select nine composed of eight carefully chosen men of Delaware City, Wilmington, Port Penn and Odessa with one of the Rockford players, played the "Middletown Innocents" at Middletown last Saturday afternoon. The "Innocents" were too innocent of anything, and were easy victims for the "Lambs," some of whom are college athletes of recent date, and well trained sportsmen. But it was, after all, quite a swell affair. The Middletown swell young men could not hit the ball, and those that could hit the ball were not well enough, which caused their opponents and spectators to swell the ranks of the "Innocents" the swelling subsided before the game ended, for as our dear friend Borna Burns would say, A man's a man for a' that. The weather was not the best, but there was quite a crowd of spectators, who seemed to enjoy the game in spite of the bad playing, on the whole. Hills throws a good ball; Bayard is as fast as a cat on a greyhound, and his running catch of a foul ball was the best feature of the game.

OUR PENSIONERS.

Another Element in the List of Opponents to Samuel Bancroft.

A little while ago we published a list of names of those on the pension rolls living in Delaware. The true inwardness of such a public parade of these names was well understood by all intelligent persons at the time the publication was made.

Since then, the list of ex-confederate pensioners, with comfortable government salaries have been following up the lead in every community and neighborhood pointed out in the published list. They have sought information from those who never were in sympathy with the preservation of our government, and in a disreputable way, they have attempted to do so. The attempt to do so is a disgrace to the community, and it degrades the men who at the peril of life stood for the maintenance of the Union. If any reader of this article has any misgivings on this point let him read the following from the lips of Hon. John P. Donahoe, one of our political opponents as published in the Evening Journal of last Wednesday. After stating several objections to the candidacy of Samuel Bancroft, Jr., for congress by the Democratic party, he says:

"There is one element which is sufficient to defeat him, even though all other conditions be favorable. You remember the position he and his paper assumed against the soldiers on this pension question. He sent a man to Washington, spied over the pension records and published every man and woman throughout the state who was so unfortunate as to draw a pension thereat. He attempted to cast odium upon him. As far as I am concerned it had no effect. While I am an ex-soldier, fully entitled to a pension, I never asked for one and never will ask for one. Yet I know the intense feeling created against him by those unfortunate and their many friends. He should not have assumed that they are all Democrats, and thereby dragging their necessities before the public in an uncharitable way. If he had knowledge that any Delaware men or women were drawn into pension illegality he should have investigated the matter and published the result without implicating every pensioner on the list. I said that then and mean it now just as much as I did at that time."

A New Liveryman.

L. C. Scott has sold out his livery stable, his fixtures, teams and good will to C. F. Crockett, who has already assumed the management of the business. He rents the stables from Mr. Scott.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Declaration of the Principles That Dominate the Republicans of Delaware.

The representatives of the Republicans of Delaware, in convention assembled, make the following declaration of principles and urge all good citizens without regard to previous political affiliations to unite in giving them effect:

1. We affirm our belief in the American doctrine of protection to home industries. While we believe that all articles which cannot be produced in the United States—luxuries excepted—should be admitted free of duty, we hold that duties should be levied on all other imports; and we favor the speedy enactment and enforcement of stringent laws for the protection of American institutions and American labor from the evils of unrestricted immigration.

2. We denounce the revenue bill passed by the present Democratic Congress as a cowardly makeshift that will reduce the wages of labor, cripple our agriculture, manufactures and shipping and continue in the future that feeling of uncertainty and distrust which has been produced in the United States—luxuries excepted—should be admitted free of duty, we hold that duties should be levied on all other imports; and we favor the speedy enactment and enforcement of stringent laws for the protection of American institutions and American labor from the evils of unrestricted immigration.

3. We commend and heartily endorse the wise and patriotic course of the Hon. Anthony Higgins, in the Senate of United States. Always in the fore-front of the battle for Republican principles, never ashamed of his cause or afraid to maintain it, he stands to-day among the leaders of our party in the nation and justifies the confidence which has led the Republican party of Delaware to call him to the high office of senator of the United States.

JOSHUA H. MARVEL.

A Brief Sketch of the Republican Candidate for Governor.

Joshua Hopkins Marvel, the Republican nominee for Governor, was born in Sussex County, September 3, 1825. He comes of an old Delaware family, English on the paternal and French on the maternal side. His father was Joseph Marvel, a farmer, whose untimely death by drowning left a widow with six children, of whom Joshua was the fourth, none of whom were grown. From his earliest boyhood he helped maintain the home and worked so steadily on the farm that he had little time for schooling and only a few months of the year could be given to his education. When he attained his majority he went to sea, and for a year followed the fortunes of a sailor. On returning home he began to work in the ship yards where he soon became foreman and for seven years he followed this business where he developed his natural mechanical talent and the plant in various inventions which have been a great source of profit. On leaving the shipyards he began the manufacture of Agricultural Implements which he continued until 1865. Soon after this he invented a machine for making berry-baskets, and made 25,000 baskets by hand-power the first year. He applied for a patent on the plant the second year, and has been putting in various improvements until the present time, and now manufactures over 2,000,000 berry baskets, peach baskets, crates, etc., annually. His machines are used by many other firms in the manufacture of crates and baskets. By industry and economy he has amassed considerable wealth, which he uses very liberally in philanthropic benevolence.

He was married in 1849 to Miss Sarah Ann Simran, also of Sussex. He has three sons, all living, two of them being associated with him in business. He has always been a Republican, but never before was a candidate for Governor. In every sense a worthy and creditable representative, not only of the Republican party, but of the whole State, whose interests he will serve as Governor.

J. S. WILLIS.

Jonathan Spencer Willis, nominee for Congress, was born in Talbot County, Md., April 5, 1830, and was the oldest of nine children. Educated at the public schools, he became at first a teacher and later a preacher. He entered the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference in 1854, and filled important appointments in the Philadelphia, Wilmington and New York Conferences. In 1854 he accepted a call to the Western Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, but resigned next year and returned to the Methodist fold. Mr. Willis afterward served as pastor of the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church, New York and of a church at Stamford, Conn. During the last ten years, having retired from active ministry, he has lived on his farm near Milford, where he has 600 acres of peach trees. He was the Republican candidate for Congress two years ago, when he was defeated by John W. Causey, Democrat. He will be a credit to the party and the State as our Representative in Congress.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Visit of Wilmington Division, Uniform Rank, to Washington.

Wilmington Division, Uniform Rank, K. of P., has completed the arrangements for its visit to Washington, D. C., on the occasion of the biennial session of the Supreme Lodge. It will start on its trip next Monday evening, leaving the Delaware Avenue station of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at 6 o'clock, and will journey in private cars. It will be in command of Capt. Thomas Mullin, Jr., and be accompanied by First Lieutenant Earl, numbering 20 pieces. The air knights will be in full uniform. They will remain in Washington four days and will be quartered at the Hotel Johnson, Thirteenth and E Street.

The session of the Supreme Lodge will begin Tuesday morning and continue until the end of the week. It will be a big affair and is expected to attract about 1000-2000 visitors. A parade in which 25,000 air knights will participate will take place Tuesday afternoon. Eighteen thousand air knights will camp in the vicinity of Washington monument and there will be prize fights daily. The first prize is \$1,500 and the lowest prize \$100. The Supreme body will have headquarters at the Abbots House.

The following Middletown air knights will participate in the parade: J. A. Snyder, J. C. Jolls, J. W. Gary, George Dickinson and William Francis.

G. A. R. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

And National Naval Association at Pittsburgh Pa. For the meeting of the National Naval Association to be held at Pittsburgh Pa., September 8, and the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at the same place, September 10 to 15, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell to the public from September 2 to 10, inclusive, round-trip tickets to Pittsburgh and return at rate of one lowest first class fare for the round trip, except from nearly points. These tickets will be valid for return passage until September 20 inclusive. Detailed information in regard to rates, stopping places, etc., will be found in the tickets, which may be obtained from application at ticket offices.

They have not succeeded in recovering the body of Hiet Graman, of New Castle, who was accidentally drowned off Ston Point, Monday night.

Alfred Carpenter died on Tuesday morning, the 21st, after a lingering illness. His funeral took place on Monday. The cause of his death was pneumonia. Rev. Mr. Dayman, of St. George's, officiated at the funeral on Tuesday.

A breast-work of stone is being constructed to protect the Augustine road from tidal encroachments.

There have been several large excursions to Augustine Pier this week and tourists pervaded the town.

The game of base-ball between the Port Penn and Odessa teams, Wednesday afternoon resulted in a victory for Odessa, the score being 4 to 4.

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COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

ODESSA ITEMS.

Mrs. Reed, of Chesterton, Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Turpin Rose.

Miss Annie Reynolds near town, has friends from Smyrna visiting her.

Miss Eaton, of Port Penn, is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs. Harrison Vandegrift.

Mr. Mobray of Cambridge, Md., who has been visiting friends in town has returned home.

Mrs. Shockley, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of Mr. George Naudain, on High street.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Gause, of Wilmington, are spending a few days with Mr. William Davis.

Rev. R. I. Watkins expects to be away this Sunday and Rev. Alfred Scott, of Wilmington, will fill his pulpit.

Members of St. Xavier R. C. Church of both Middletown and Odessa picked in Cool Spring Woods, near here on Wednesday.

A dinner party was given on Tuesday at the country seat of Mr. J. K. Williams, near town, in honor of their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Powell.

The Odessa base ball team played against the Port Penn boys at Port Penn on Thursday, winning the game by a score of 8 to 4. Very good playing was done on both sides.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Hutchins, of Lawrence, Mass., are passing a few days with Mr. G. L. Townsend. Mr. Hutchins was a pastor of the Odessa M. E. church about 12 years ago. He preached to a large congregation and the new Sunday evening last.

Quite a sad drowning accident occurred here on Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock. Enoch Wiggins, a colored boy about 19 years old and two other boys started out fishing in a boat. As they were passing under the bridge at the Odessa wharf, the boat struck a pile and capsize somewhat, which caused it to nearly fill with water. Two of the boys jumped and caught the piling, and the third boy, who was clinging to the side of the boat, was pulled in and nearly drowned. He paddled a few yards further down the creek and soon saw that he must leave the boat. A pole was reached to him from the shore so close that he could touch it, but he refused it saying he could swim. He then jumped and started with steady strokes for the shore but must have been seized with cramps or hampered by his clothes for he went down three times and drowned before the many spectators could realize it. In a few minutes two boats were manned and with grappling hooks the body was searched for. It was soon found and taken to the home of his parents in town. The funeral took place on Thursday.

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

The merry-go-round has departed.

Walter Finley has returned from Buffalo.

Elmer Taylor has moved to Philadelphia.

John Boyd is building a new barn on his farm.

There is a demand for more dwellings in our town.

Rev. Mr. Bell has returned to his home in Easton.

The Town Commissioners are repairing the lock-up.

The Public School Buildings are undergoing a thorough over

